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Subject: HIMES, CHESTER BOMAR

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Dear Requester:

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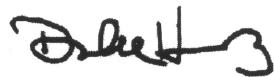
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The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
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Records Management Division

Enclosure(s) (2)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b) (1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
- (b) (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b) (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b) (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b) (5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b) (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b) (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b) (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d) (5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k) (1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k) (2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k) (4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k) (6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k) (7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.



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J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER B. HINES; Article Captioned, "Negro Martyrs Are Needed," appearing in the May, 1944, Issue of "The Crisis"; INTERNAL SECURITY, SECTION.

For your information there is attached a photostatic copy of an article headed as above which, as indicated, was reportedly written by one Chester B. Hines, and appeared in the May, 1944, issue of "The Crisis," which has been described as the official organ of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

You will note that the article recommends revolutionary action on the part of colored people and for that reason I thought it should be brought to your attention. However, no investigation is being instituted unless you believe the article is sufficient to warrant such attention and so advise the Bureau.

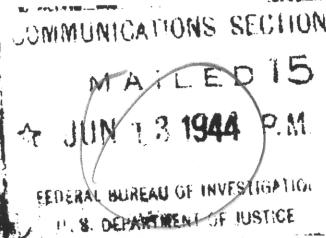
As a matter of further information it is noted that one Chester B. Hines of Los Angeles, California, who may or may not be identical with the author of this article, has been reported to be an adherent or supporter or perhaps a member of the Communist Party or other organizations reported to be in sympathy with the Communist Party.

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July 10, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER B. HINES;
INTERNAL SECURITY;
SEDITION.

Reference is made to your letter of May 26, 1944, captioned, "Negro Plan of Revolution; Internal Security - C," advising that a questionable article, "Negro Martyrs Are Needed," written by the above-captioned individual appeared in the May, 1944, issue of the publication, "The Crisis." You furnished a copy of this issue of "The Crisis" and you will recall that the article in question related to certain proposed revolutionary actions to be initiated by Negroes.

The Criminal Division of the Department, after considering a copy of this article, has communicated with the Bureau requesting that an investigation of Himes be undertaken. In view of this request, it is desired that a preliminary investigation be immediately instituted for the purpose of developing appropriate data as to Himes' general background, activities, inclinations, etc. You should particularly determine the nature of Himes' writing or publishing activities and whether the article, "Negro Martyrs Are Needed," is representative of his general efforts in this regard. *Himes is a communist* (for further info see Goss)

The Department is apparently not desirous of having an investigation of the publication, "The Crisis," carried out and, additionally, the Bureau desires that this inquiry, which has been requested, be conducted as discreetly as possible, particularly any phases thereof which might or might seem to concern "The Crisis." As indicated, the Department has requested an investigation of Himes individually. However, you should, of course, continue whatever examinations you have made of "The Crisis" in connection with your general coverage of Negro activities.

As a matter of information, the Bureau's files show that one Chester B. Himes of Los Angeles, California, who may or may not be identical with the author of this article, has been reported to be an adherent or supporter or perhaps a member of the Communist Party or other organizations reported to be in sympathy with the Communist Party.

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publication of his latest effort, which will probably be entitled "As the End Comes." [redacted] that this book deals with a young Negro couple and that the characters therein are actually the subject and his wife. Like most of his other writings, this book is a sociological study. She advised that HIMES is presently in New York City arranging with the publishing house of Houghton & Mifflin, which has agreed to publish the work. She stated that he had had various articles accepted by magazines and other publications, such as Esquire and the Saturday Evening Post. She did not elaborate upon the type of articles referred to or the particular issues of the publications mentioned.

[redacted] advised that subject had registered for the first Selective Service call at a Cleveland, Ohio, draft board; that he had been subsequently called up for physical examination, but was turned down for physical disability. It was also learned that while in New York in connection with the publication of his book, subject is residing at 940 St. Nicholas Street, but that he expects to return to Los Angeles as soon as the transaction with the publishing house has been completed. [redacted] characterized him as a writer by occupation.

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The personnel records of the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company at San Pedro reflect that subject's complete and true name is CHESTER BORMOR HIMES; that he filed an application with this concern on March 6, 1944, giving his address as 1056 North de Garmo Drive, Los Angeles, telephone Angelus 22272. Prior to that he resided at 4433 Crocker Street, Los Angeles. He was born at Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 29, 1909, concerning which he furnished documentary proof satisfactory to the shipyard. He is registered with Local Draft Board #20, Cleveland, Ohio. He is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City. He is also a member of the National Urban League, 1133 Broadway, New York City.

His personnel file reflected the following relatives, although the relationships other than that of his wife are not given: [redacted]

[redacted] JEAN HIMES, wife, 1056 North de Garmo Drive, Los Angeles.

Subject was educated at East High School, Cleveland, Ohio, graduating in 1926. Thereafter he claims one year at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

His prior employment was listed as follows: 1938 to 1944, WPA, Cleveland, Ohio; 1943, California Sanitary Canning Company, 50th and Long

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Synopsis of Facts:

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CC TO: [redacted] New
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 BUREAU [redacted]
 ANS [redacted]
 BY: [redacted]

HOUGHTON & MIFLIN CO. have not published nor contracted to publish any book for subject. Subject is unknown to them. Subject has a contract and is presently writing a book for DOUBLEDAY DORAN CO. Articles written by subject and published in "Esquire" reviewed herein.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 105-2502.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 25, 1944 at Los Angeles, California.

DETAILS:

At NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

AGENCY [redacted]
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 BY [redacted]

[redacted] HOUGHTON & MIFLIN COMPANY, 432 Fourth Avenue, New York City, New York, advised that CHESTER BORMOR HIMES has no contract with that Company for the publication of any book, pamphlet, or writings of any kind. He stated that HIMES is not known to that Company and that they have never published anything for him.

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RUSSELL & VOLKENING, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York, stated that that partnership is the literary representative for the subject in the New York area. He stated that at the present time HIMES is under contract to the DOUBLEDAY DORAN COMPANY and that he is presently writing a book for that Company.

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He stated that practically all of HILES' writing so far as he knew has been purely fiction work but that he believed that HILES had written a few articles for the Negro Press somewhere in the vicinity of the State of Illinois. He stated that he could furnish no further information concerning these articles.

[redacted] stated that the subject has had several articles published in "Esquire" magazine in years past [redacted]

[redacted] He also said that HILES had had articles published in the "Saturday Evening Post" which is published by the CURTIS PUBLISHING COMPANY.

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[redacted] "Esquire" magazine in the New York area, 366 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York, advised that CHESTER BORINOR HILES is an ex-convict and that most of his early writings were done while he was still in prison. [redacted] he could furnish little information concerning HILES' background but he knew that the articles had been published through [redacted] "Esquire" Magazine whose office is at 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] "Esquire" Magazine, 366 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York, advised that he does not personally know the subject. He stated that all of HILES' articles had been submitted through agents. He could furnish no background information concerning the subject.

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[redacted] "Esquire" Magazine, 366 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised that the following articles written by the subject had been published in "Esquire":

Date of Magazine	Page	Name of Article
August 1934	28	"Crazy in the Stir"
October 1934	100	"To What Red Hell?"
September 1936	76	"Visiting Hour"
January 1937	64	"Nights for Cryin"
May 1937	99	"Every Opportunity"
March 1940	58	"Marihuana and a Pistol"
February 1942	55	"Strictly Business."

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The writer obtained copies of the above mentioned magazines from [redacted] and reviewed each of the above listed articles.

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All of them were found to be fiction articles and none contained any material which could be termed seditious. The following is a short review of each of said articles:

"Crazy in the Stir"

This article has the caption "A long-term prisoner in a state penitentiary tells an authentic story about life on the inside." It is a sordid descriptive story of the life and thoughts of a convict in prison and the action of his fellow convicts.

"To What Red Hell?"

This article is captioned "Fire in the Big House seen from the inside through the eyes of a long-term insider." This is also a fiction article describing a fire which took place in a prison and with a great deal of descriptive material concerning injured prisoners, their thoughts, and actions.

"Visiting Foul?"

This article is captioned "The words a man really means to say to his wife can't come out in those few caged moments." This is also a fiction article describing an interview between a prisoner and his wife and describes her attempts to obtain executive clemency on his behalf and his feelings of hatred and sorrow because of her inability to obtain his freedom.

"The Nights for Cryin'"

This article is captioned "Black Boy wasn't afraid of anyone living but death row is a sorrowful place at night." This is a fiction article describing the actions of "Black Boy", a Negro, in overtaking his girl, a Negress, who had been unfaithful to him and of Black Boy's assault upon her and subsequent apprehension and incarceration because of his love for her.

"Every Opportunity"

This article is captioned "His mother used to tell him that if he'd eat his oatmeal he'd be President." This is a description of the thoughts and actions of a parolee who is being released from the penitentiary and of his first few days of freedom.

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(The only information set forth will be that which is in addition to the background, etc., reported in the referenced report.)

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The subject took his physical examination for induction on February 14, 1944 at Los Angeles, California, and was rejected at this time because of a back injury. On May 22, 1944 he was reclassified by Local Board #20 as 2-BF.

On July 13, 1937, according to his Selective Service records, the subject was married at Cleveland, Ohio to JEAN LUCINDA ~~HIMES~~.

It was noted that one additional address was given for the subject, which address was 4213 West Street, Oakland, California. From the change of address notices in the subject's file, it seems that the subject moved from 1056 DeGarmo Drive, Los Angeles to the Oakland, California address, and then moved again back to the DeGarmo Drive address.

On December 6, 1944, there was a notice of change of address in the subject's file and on this notice was the information that he was at the present time writing a Negro sociological novel entitled "As Change Comes On" on a Rosenwald Fellowship. He also stated that he was under contract with the Doubleday, Doran and Company, 17 West 49 Street, New York City. His home address in New York City is the same as shown in the referenced report.

On January 6, 1945, ~~_____~~ of the Cleveland Retail Credit Men's Company, National City Bank Building, Cleveland, Ohio, furnished a credit report on one CHESTER B. ~~HIMES~~, wife LUCINDA, which indicated that ~~HIMES~~ resided at 89 North 20th Street, Columbus, Ohio. His occupation at this time was WPA Library Project. The period that ~~HIMES~~ resided in Columbus is not known.

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The records of the Identification Division of the Cleveland Police Department were checked, and it was ascertained that the subject has the following criminal record with this department:

As CHESTER ~~HIMES~~, #10279, arrested Columbus, Ohio, November 28, 1927, charged forgery.

On January 23, 1928, he was given a deferred sentence and placed on probation.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Chicago
 SUBJECT: CHESTER BORMOR HIMES
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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DATE: February 16, 1945

Reference is made to the attached report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 16, 1945 at Chicago, Illinois, in the above-captioned case.

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[redacted] Esquire Magazine, Chicago, advised that he had learned that the subject made application for a scholarship with the Rosenwald Foundation in January, 1944.

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No attempt has been made to obtain any information concerning subject's communications with the Rosenwald Foundation due to the fact that several suspects in the COMRAP case have visited the Rosenwald Foundation while in Chicago and it is not believed that this office should attempt to obtain information from that organization.

Accordingly, no attempt will be made to contact the Rosenwald Foundation in the absence of specific Bureau authorization.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

If He Hollers Let Him Go
 Title of **HIMES'** book changed to "If He Hollers Let Him Go". Book expected to be released on 10/5/45. Arrangements made to secure copy. **HIMES** moved from 940 St. Nicholas Ave., NYC, no forwarding address. No information available regarding **HIMES'** intention to reside permanently in NYC or activities while in NYC.

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 Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 4/2/45, Los Angeles.
 Bureau letter to New York, 4/10/45.
 Letter to Bureau from Los Angeles, 5/26/45.

DETAILS:

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AT NEW YORK CITY.

On May 21, and 23, 1945, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the title of **CHESTER BOMAR HIMES'** book has been

changed to "If He Hollers Let Him Go."

The book is expected to be released on October 5, 1945,
 and arrangements were made through Confidential Informant [REDACTED] to secure a copy of the same.

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On May 23, 1945, June 4, and 16, 1945, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] was contacted in an effort to determine if **HIMES** was still

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From Los Angeles Tribune
May 5, 1946.

Chester Himes to finish 2nd novel in California

CORRIMBUS, O.—Novelist Chester E. Himes, visiting his brother, Dr. Joseph H. Himes, here, is reported to be working on a second book, "Magnificent Inspiration," which he intends to complete in California, just as he did his first, "If He Hollers Let Him Go."

Himes and his wife, Jean, are en route to the conclusion of a Susanville (Calif.) farm, and expect the book, which concerns unionism and the Negro organizer, to be ready for Fall publication.

They are going west because they feel that the many social obligations they would have in New York City would take too much time from writing. "If He Hollers" was finished in Los Angeles with financial assistance from an aunt and a 1942 Julius Rosenwald fellowship.

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Submitted by Los Angeles Field Division.

Re: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, wa;
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : Tom C. Clark, Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: Chester B. Himes; Article Captioned,
"Negro Martyrs Are Needed," appearing in
the May, 1944, Issue of "The Crisis";
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION

DATE: June 29, 1944

TCC:DA:SH

146-28-1519

Reference is made to your memorandum dated June 13, 1944, to the Criminal Division in the above-entitled matter.

You are advised that from the information presently available it appears that further investigation is warranted and the Criminal Division would appreciate being furnished with the information that you secure.

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September 12, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER B. HOMES, INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION. 485

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of July 10, 1944, outlining certain investigation desired concerning this individual. You will recall that this inquiry was requested by the Criminal Division of the Department.

It is desired that you immediately give advice as to the status of the investigation and as to the date a report may be expected.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

NY FILE NO. 100-63874 MVR

REPORT MADE AT

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DATE WHEN MADE

10/10/44

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CHESTER B. HIMES

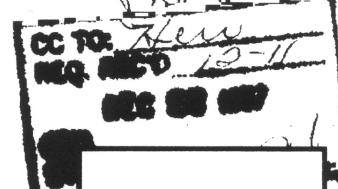
CHARACTER OF CASE

**INTERNAL SECURITY-C
SEDITION**

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject is author of article entitled, "Negro Martyrs Are Needed", which appeared in May, 1944 issue of "The Crisis". Article advocates revolution in U.S. Subject is resident of California.

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DATE 7/18/03 BY 9145c410ms

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-174048.
Bureau letter to New York dated 7/10/44.

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DETAILS: **AT NEW YORK CITY**

This investigation is predicated upon a letter from the Bureau dated July 10, 1944 advising that subject was the author of a questionable article entitled, "NEGRO MARTYRS ARE NEEDED", which appeared in the May, 1944 issue of the publication, "The Crisis". Copies of this article have been obtained by the writer from the New York Public Library.

The article in question advocates revolution in the United States. Photostatic copies thereof are being forwarded herewith to the Bureau and to the Los Angeles Field Division. It will be noted that the May, 1944 issue of "The Crisis" indicates that the author of this article is a resident of the State of California.

It will also be noted that the reference letter from the Bureau indicates that the Bureau files show that one CHESTER B. HIMES, of Los Angeles, might be identical with the author of this article.

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It is, therefore, believed that the subject is a resident of Los Angeles, California.

Investigation made in the New York Field Division for the purpose of determining the subject's exact street address was negative.

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Two copies of the article entitled, "NEGRO MARTYRS ARE NEEDED" by CHESTER B. HIMES, which appeared in the May, 1944 issue of "The Crisis".

ENCLOSURES (2) LOS ANGELES

Two copies of the article entitled, "NEGRO MARTYRS ARE NEEDED" by CHESTER B. HIMES, which appeared in the May, 1944 issue of "The Crisis".

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
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CHARACTER OF CASE

CHESTER R. HIMES

INTERNAL SECURITY-C
SEDITION

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 100-174048.
Bureau letter to New York dated 7/10/44.

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED 23,713
DATE 7/15/85 BY 9145GJAM5

DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK CITY

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103-2502
SAC, Los Angeles

October 27, 1944

EX-4 John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER B. HINES
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SEDITION

Reference is made to the report prepared in this case by Special Agent [redacted] at New York, New York, on October 10, 1944.

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As the Department has specifically asked that this investigation be conducted and as the matter has been pending for some time, it is desired that inquiry be immediately instituted at Los Angeles for the purpose of identifying subject Hines and developing appropriate data as to his background, current activities, etc.

For your more complete information as to previous developments in the matter there are attached copies of the Bureau's letter of July 10, 1944, addressed to the New York Field Division.

With reference to the report submitted at New York City, it is noted that the report set forth relatively little background information as to the type of investigation desired and did not include any undeveloped leads looking toward investigation at Los Angeles. In a situation of this type, the report should have been inclusive of undeveloped leads designating the type of inquiry the Bureau had requested in its previous communication. The Special Agent in Charge at New York should call this situation to the attention of Special Agent [redacted] making certain that he is appropriately apprised as to the proper manner of procedure in instances of this kind.

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cc - New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles
SUBJECT: CHESTER B. HIMES
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
SEDITION

DATE: October 20, 1944

Reference is made to Bureau File #100-174048 and in particular
to the report of Special Agent [redacted] New York, dated October 10, 1944.

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This report designates Los Angeles as the office of origin in
instant case and refers it upon completion to this office, not however setting
out any request for investigation by the Los Angeles Office.

The Bureau is requested to advise if any investigation is de-
sired in this matter and under what character it is desired that the investigation
be conducted.

cc New York

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100-174048
SAC, New York

October 12, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER B. HUMES; INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION.

Reference is made to the Bureau's letters of July 10 and September 12, 1944, requesting investigation in connection with this matter.

Sufficient time has certainly elapsed to permit you to adequately investigate this matter and submit a report. Accordingly, it is desired that an investigative report be submitted no later than October 20, 1944.

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105-2502
SAC, Los Angeles

December 1, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GILSTER R. HINNS; INTERNAL SECURITY - C: SECRET

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter in the above-captioned case bearing the date October 27, 1944.

In order that an early reply may be made to the Department, please accord the requested investigation immediate attention and submit a report in the near future.

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12/1/44

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
FROM : Tom C. Clark, Assistant Attorney General
SUBJECT: Chester B. Himes; Article Captioned,
"Negro Martyrs Are Needed," appearing in
the May, 1944, Issue of "The Crisis";
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION

DATE: December 1, 1944

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146-28-1519

Reference is made to my memorandum dated June 29, 1944,
requesting that an investigation be conducted relative to the above
entitled matter. In case you have received any reports in this matter,
it would be appreciated if you would furnish the Criminal Division
with copies of them.

Revised to 12/1/44
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Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Chester B. Hines; Article Captioned,
"Negro Martyrs Are Needed," appearing in
the May, 1944, issue of "The Crisis";
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION.

Reference is made to your memorandum of December 1, 1944, asking
that you be furnished with copies of any available reports submitted in this
case.

Although considerable difficulty was initially experienced in locating
subject Hines, it is anticipated that a complete report will be received by the
Bureau in the near future and when it is available a copy will be immediately
furnished you.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

FILE NO. 100-22661

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 11/25/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/7-9/44	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE <u>CHANGED</u> <u>CHESTER BORMOR HIMES</u>	CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C SEDITION		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject is a 35-year-old Negro, born in Jefferson City, Missouri, 7/29/09, reportedly well educated and interested in sociological problems of Negro race; has resided in California since 1940, coming here from Cleveland, Ohio; is presently in NYC in connection with publication of a book recently written by him; claims to have written numerous articles for various publications, including Saturday Evening Post and Esquire; in LA is known to have contributed to at least two radical type publications; member of NAACP, NYC; has FBI number 176232; served eight years of a twenty-year sentence for robbery at Cleveland in 1928; is friend of certain CP members and is possibly sympathetic to Communist movement, but not known to be a member or active therein himself.

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DATE 7/15/85 BY 9143410ms

REFERENCE:

Bureau file No. 105-2502.

New York, 10/10/44.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]

Bureau letter 10/27/44.

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to reflect the complete name of this subject as CHESTER BORMOR HIMES, as obtained by current investigation at Los Angeles.

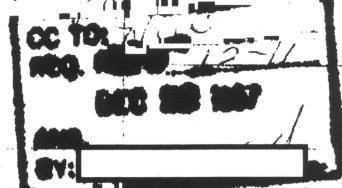
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For the information of interested offices, this subject first came to the attention of the Bureau as a result of a questionable article which subject had written entitled "Negro Martyrs Are Needed," which appeared in the May 1944 issue of the publication, "The Crisis." This article related to certain proposed revolutionary actions which subject advocated on the part of Negroes. The Criminal Division of the Department subsequently requested that an investigation of HIMES be undertaken with a view to developing data as to his general background, activities, inclinations, etc. Preliminary investigation by the New York Field Office indicated that the subject presently resided at Los Angeles, California.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

A check of the Los Angeles indices regarding this individual revealed only that in March 1944 he applied to the Coast Guard at San Pedro, California, for a pass to enter the yards of the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, but that at the time of his request he was found to have no draft registration or classification card in his possession. At that time he claimed that he had left both of them at home, his residence address being 1056 North de Garmo Drive, Los Angeles.

No credit record or other data regarding subject was found at the various credit agencies in Los Angeles. He is not listed in either the current city or telephone directory, although subsequent investigation revealed that he does have a residence telephone, Angelus 22272, which is apparently unlisted.

It was learned through [redacted] that in March 1944 subject was employed for a time by the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company at San Pedro; further, that subject was believed to have had a criminal record of some years ago from Cleveland, Ohio.

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[redacted] was interviewed previously under a suitable pretext [redacted] as a result of which it was learned that subject is a Negro born at Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 29, 1909. His father, JOSEPH S. HIMES, was a teacher in the school system at Lincoln, Missouri. He married his present wife at Cleveland, Ohio, and they came to California in 1940. Since then they have lived for the most part at Los Angeles and presently own their home at 1056 North de Garmo Drive. Subject is well educated. [redacted]

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[redacted] Sociology, in which subject himself is also greatly interested, particularly regarding the lot of the Negro race. It was learned that as a matter of fact he had written more than one book on the sociological study of minorities and the Negro people in particular, as well as several magazine articles. He has never been successful in getting a book published, however, until recently, when he contracted for the

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Beach Avenue, Los Angeles; 1943, Richmond Shipyard, Richmond, California, as shipfitter trainee; 1943, Towlsaver, Inc., 2012 East 12th Street, Los Angeles, as towel machine operator; 1944, Kaiser-Hughes Aircraft Company, warehouse, Vernon, California; 1944, Huntington Rubber Company, 4128 Whiteside Avenue, Los Angeles, as tire rebuilder; 1944, Borden Sales Manufacturing Company, Los Angeles, as warehouseman.

It may be noted that after obtaining the job at Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company on March 6, 1944, subject terminated at his own request, one week later claiming a spinal injury prevented his working. Nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his activities during that one week was indicated in the file.

Searches of the Identification Divisions of both the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office revealed no criminal record for the subject since he has resided in Los Angeles. However, the police records do show that one CHESTER HIMES, FBI #176232, had registered with the Police Department as an ex-convict on December 10, 1941. It is noted that this does not constitute an arrest record, but merely a registration as an ex-convict in accordance with the requirements of a city ordinance. This record reveals that CHESTER HIMES in December 1928 was arrested by the Police Department at Cleveland, Ohio, under that name on a charge of robbery, receiving a sentence of twenty years in the State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio. According to the record, he served some eight years of this sentence until his release on parole in April 1936, being finally released from parole on February 3, 1939.

The Bureau is being requested to furnish the up-to-date criminal record of this individual.

In the August 14, 1942, issue of the "People's World," Communist news organ for the West Coast, there is printed a letter which CHESTER B. HIMES wrote to the editor of the paper. This letter is entitled "India Freedom Essential." It is noted that this was during the period when the Communist Party was extremely active in its propaganda calling for the opening of a second front in Europe. This letter is quoted as follows:

"As an American Negro citizen, I must advocate the immediate independence of India regardless of whatever stand taken by the Indian nationals. For the same political reason I must advocate the immediate opening of a second front.

"I feel that the political leaders of my country who favor a second front are inseparable from those who favor the freedom of

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India, and that those and only those who favor both a second front and the independence of India are the only ones who will fight for the political and economic equality of American Negroes.

"I feel that the independence of India is of equal political and military importance to the opening of the second front, for only by the advocacy of both can the political power of the proletariat be strengthened.

"The division of these two main objectives of the proletariat, the opening of the second front and the independence of India, would divide and weaken the entire effort of the people to gain sufficient political strength to have a voice in the writing of the people.

"I urge that your paper continue to fight for Indian independence regardless of the moves of capitalistic politics to split the unity of the people.

Sincerely yours,

CHESTER B. HIMES
Los Angeles, California"

Subject had an article entitled "People We Know," published in the November 1943 issue of "The War Worker," a local publication issued semi-monthly at Los Angeles, the owner and editorial staff of which are chiefly Negroes and which paper has been classified as a radical type. This article starts off by stating that the author, CHESTER B. HIMES, is taking the liberty to publish four typed pages of a Nisei's diary in the hope that a better understanding of the problems confronting these Japanese-Americans might be attained. The author, by way of preliminary introduction, states:

"First let me point out the greatest fallacy in our regard to all minorities. We are branded by the magnificence of our nation into believing that no person will ever desire to transfer his allegiance. But yet there are many citizens of this nation, among whom are the Nisei, who have never been permitted to share the rights, privileges, and opportunities which make this nation magnificent. We command these groups of citizens to uphold, cherish, and abide by a system of government and a way of life which excludes them from all of the best it has to offer. And strangely, we feel betrayed when allegiance is not manifested in glowing emulation. Verily we are a rare people.

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"But wouldn't it be wonderful if we in this nation progressed to a point of common interests and common aims, where every citizen, no matter what birth, ancestry, or race, would be willing without reservation or hesitation to go out and die for it.

"But I would not want to be accused of being visionary, idealistic, utopianistic; I am American, was born American, think American, so therefore I offer an alternative. If, after reading these excerpts from this Nisei's diary, all of us are still consumed with our relentless hate for them, let's not quibble, investigate, and vituperate; let's take them out and shoot them...."

The author thereafter quotes a lengthy passage from what is purported to be from a Nisei's diary under date of August 25, 1933, in which the Nisei decries the fact that Japanese-Americans are hybrids of two contrasting civilizations, as a result of which they live the unique life of an oriental heritage and an occidental environment, with the result that often the two distinctly clash and seem to be at war with each other; further, that in spite of the efforts of the Nisei to be good Americans, they are, for the most part, subject to prejudice and discrimination in the country in which they were born.

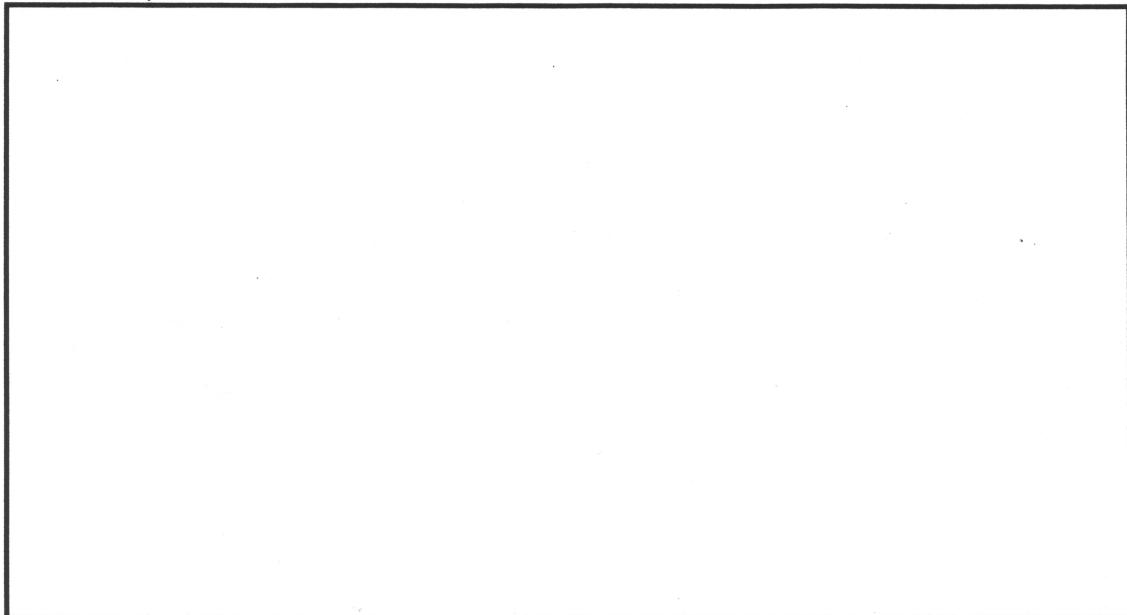
Numerous reliable confidential sources regarding the Communist Party and the Communist Political Association in the Los Angeles area have been contacted for any information indicating that subject CHESTER B. HIMES may be sympathetic to or active in the Communist movement in this area. However, these sources advise that there is no [redacted] subject is or has been a member of the Party in this area. b7D

It may be noted, however, that in his application for employment with the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in March 1944, subject listed as references [redacted]

[redacted]
By way of identification of the above individuals, the Los Angeles files reveal that [redacted]

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Subject is described in his application at the Los Angeles Shipyard as:

Race	Negro
Age	35; born Jefferson City, Missouri, July 29, 1909
Residence	1056 North de Garmo Drive Los Angeles, California Telephone Angelus 22272
Height	5'8"
Weight	150
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown; wears rimless glasses
Complexion	Dark, smooth shaven
Occupation	Writer and laborer
Draft board	LDB #20, Cleveland, Ohio
Marital status	Married; wife, JEAN JOHNSON HIMES
Social Security number	293-09-2293
FBI number	176232

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO:

Is requested to check the names of [redacted] subject [redacted] against its indices and report whether subject has ever come to the attention of that office. It is noted that prior to coming to California in 1940 or 1941, HIMES resided in Cleveland, Ohio, where he also went to school.

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Is requested to ascertain from the Cleveland Police Department whether HIMES has ever come to its attention in connection with radical activities in Cleveland.

Will report subject's status with Local Draft Board #20 and any additional background data reflected in his Selective Service file.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY:

Is requested to discreetly ascertain if subject's book has yet been published by the Houghton & Mifflin Company, and if so, obtain a copy for examination for possible seditious or revolutionary material it might contain. It is noted that the best information at hand indicates that this book is entitled "After the End Comes," concerning the publication of which subject is in New York City at the present time, located at 940 St. Nicholas Street. It is suggested that in the event the book has not yet been published, no contact with the publishing house for a review of its contents should be made in the absence of instructions from the Bureau to do so.

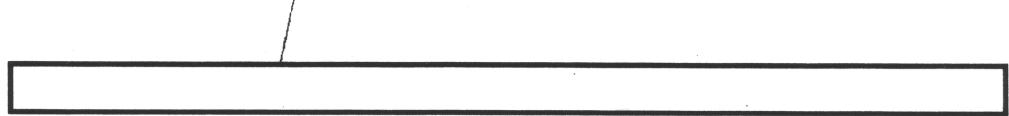
LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Will contact the various past employers of the subject to ascertain whether, during such employment, he is known to have made any seditious statements or advocated the revolutionary overthrow of the country.

Will report any criminal record received from the Bureau.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
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LOS ANGELES

FILE NO. 100-22661

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11/28/44

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~~CHRISTER BONNIE KIMMIS~~

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SECURITY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject is a 38-year-old Negro, born in Jefferson City, Missouri, 7/29/06, reportedly well educated and interested in sociological problems of Negro race; has resided in California since 1940, coming here from Cleveland, Ohio; is presently in NYC in connection with publication of a book recently written by him; claims to have written numerous articles for various publications, including Saturday Evening Post and Esquire; it is known to have contributed to at least two radical type publications; member of NAACP, NYC; has FBI number 176232; served eight years of a twenty-year sentence for robbery at Cleveland in 1936; is friend of certain CP members and is possibly sympathetic to Communist movement, but not known to be a member or active therein himself.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file No. 100-2602.

Report of Special Agent

New York, 10/10/44.

Bureau letter 10/27/44.

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to reflect the complete name of this subject as CHRISTEN BONNIE KIMMIS, as obtained by current investigation at Los Angeles.

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Los Angeles, 13, California
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Director
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: *C/S*
CHESTER BORMOR HIMES
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	FBI number	Approximate date Fin- gerprints forwarded	Fingerprint Federal Bureau of In- vestigation.	Classification.
CHESTER BORMOR HIMES		176232	<i>10/5/44</i>		

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Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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Reed
TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles
SUBJECT: CHESTER BORMOR HIMES
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C
 SEDITION

DATE: November 25, 1944

Reference is made to the enclosed report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 25, 1944, at Los Angeles, in the captioned matter.

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It is noted therein that current investigation regarding subject at Los Angeles fails to reveal any of his writings other than one or two articles for local publications. However, it is noted that subject presently is believed to have contracted with Houghton & Mifflin Company, publishers in New York, for the publication of a recent book about a young Negro couple, entitled "After the End Comes," in connection with which subject is now in New York City.

The referenced report sets out a lead for the New York Office to discreetly ascertain if this book has already been published, in order that its contents may be reviewed. The Bureau is requested to advise the New York Office, however, whether, in the event the book has not yet been published, any attempt should be made to contact the publishing house for a review of its contents.

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December 18, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER HORNER HINES; INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SEDITION.

Reference is made to the report submitted in this case by Special Agent [redacted] at Los Angeles, California, on November 25, 1944, and to your letter of the same date concerning the lead designated for the New York Field Division. b7C

For the present the Bureau desires that the lead for the New York Field Division be covered as it now stands. In other words, the New York Office should make a discreet contact with the Houghton and Mifflin Company and when subject's book has been published, a copy should be secured and reviewed and if the book is inclusive of possibly seditious material, it should be sent to the Bureau for review. It will not be necessary to make any special arrangements with the publishing company in order that the proposed book may be reviewed prior to its publication. ✓

cc - New York

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Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark

December 18, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER BORMAN HINES
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Reference is made to our previous correspondence
concerning this subject, your reference TCC:DA:SH, 146-28-1519.

For your information there are attached copies of
the following two reports which have been submitted during
the course of the investigation to date:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at
New York City on October 10, 1944.

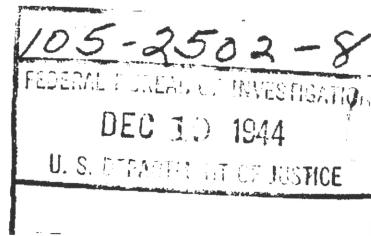
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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at
Los Angeles, California, on November 25, 1944.

This investigation is continuing and when
additional information is developed you will be
advised.

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"Marihuana and a Pistol"

This article is captioned "He thought of his fingers on the trigger of the gun and realized he could shoot a man or two—he could kill everybody." This is another fiction article describing the thoughts of a marihuana victim who planned to "stick up" a Cleveland bank using beer bottles in place of guns but who upon finding that he had a pistol attempted to hold up a store and shot the proprietor.

"Strictly Business"

This article is captioned "Big Angelo didn't trust the boys in the mob so he kept Sure on a salary with bonus." This is a fiction story of a murder committed by a man named Sure purely for business reasons, the murderer's business being murder. It depicts the subsequent flight and the final apprehension of the murderer.

[REDACTED] HINES PUBLISHING COMPANY, 292 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York advised that there is no record in New York City showing the articles published by subject in the "Saturday Evening Post." He stated that such records are maintained by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] "Saturday Evening Post," Independence Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

For the information of the Chicago and Philadelphia offices, the subject first came to the attention of the Bureau as a result of a questionable article which subject had written entitled "Negro Martyrs are Needed" which appeared in the May 1944 issue of the publication "The Crisis." This article related to certain proposed revolutionary actions which subject advocated on the part of the Negroes.

The Criminal Division of the Department subsequently requested that an investigation of HINES be undertaken with a view of developing data as to his general background, activities, inclinations, etc. Preliminary investigation in the New York Field Division indicated that subject presently resides at Los Angeles, California. It was determined by the Los Angeles office that subject is a Negro, 35 years of age, born in Jefferson City, Missouri, and reported to be well educated and interested in sociological problems of the Negro race. It was further determined that he is a friend of certain Communist Party members and is possibly sympathetic to the Communist movement but is not known to be a member or active therein himself.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois - Will contact [redacted] Esquire Magazine, 919 North Michigan Avenue, and obtain from him all possible background information or data concerning the subject.

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PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION:

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Will contact [redacted] Saturday Evening Post, Independence Square, for the purpose of determining what articles written by subject were published in that magazine and will if practical review those articles for the purpose of determining whether or not there is any seditious material contained therein.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
 This Case Originated at LOS ANGELES, CALIF. NY File No. 100-63874 SBS
 Report Made at Date When Made Period for Report Made By
 NEW YORK, N. Y. 1/8/45 Which Made 12/14, 18/44 [redacted]
 1/1/45 [redacted]

Title	Character of Case
CHESTER BORMOR HIMES	INTERNAL SECURITY - C SENITION

Synopsis of Facts:

HOUGHTON & MIFLIN CO. have not published nor contracted to publish any book for subject. Subject is unknown to them. Subject has a contract and is presently writing a book for DOUBLEDAY DORAN CO. Articles written by subject and published in "Esquire" reviewed herein.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 105-2502.
 Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 25, 1944 at Los Angeles, California.

DETAILS: AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

[redacted] HOUGHTON & MIFLIN COMPANY, 432 Fourth Avenue, New York City, New York, advised that CHESTER BORMOR HIMES has no contract with that Company for the publication of any book, pamphlet, or writings of any kind. He stated that HIMES is not known to that Company and that they have never published anything for him.

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RUSSELL & VOLKENING, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York, stated that that partnership is the literary representative for the subject in the New York area. He stated that at the present time HIMES is under contract to the DOUBLEDAY DORAN COMPANY and that he is presently writing a book for that Company.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 100-22661

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 1/8/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/3,4/45	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	AM
TITLE CHESTER BORMOR HIMES		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C SEDITION		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's past employment record at Los Angeles reflects nothing of a derogatory nature. Local informants have no additional information regarding him. Current investigation indicates subject is still in New York City, and may remain there permanently.

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Subject's criminal record under FBI #176232 set out.

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DATE 7/15/85 BY [REDACTED]

REFERENCE:

Bureau file 105-2502
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 25,
1944, at Los Angeles.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

The following concerns, by whom subject is known to have been employed in the past at Los Angeles, have been contacted in regard to his employment record and the possibility of any seditious or revolutionary statements he might have made:

CALIFORNIA SANITARY CANNING COMPANY; TOWLSAVER, INC.; KAISER-HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY (warehouse); HUNTINGTON RUBBER COMPANY, and BORDEN SALES MANUFACTURING COMPANY (warehouse)

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However, subject's employment record at the above concerns reflected nothing derogatory concerning him. At the last three named, he apparently worked for short periods of time during 1944. He seems to have quit each job voluntarily. At only two of these companies, namely, the CALIFORNIA SANITARY CANNING COMPANY and TOWLSAVER, INC., was there any independent recollection of him. The personnel departments of both of these concerns rated him as a good worker, with nothing derogatory in his record. It appears that he voluntarily quit the CALIFORNIA SANITARY CANNING COMPANY with a sort of a grudge, claiming he was being discriminated against because he is a Negro. However, [redacted] who recalled him personally, said that there was nothing unusual in his quitting the job voluntarily, as this happens every day on the part of various employees, and he could recall nothing that subject particularly attributed the alleged discrimination to.

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It is noted from investigation set out in reference report that subject apparently has friends among individuals who are either known or suspected Communist Party members, although there is no record that subject himself has ever been a member of the Party.

Local informants regarding Communist activities and membership have again been contacted, but they have no additional information regarding him.

On January 4, 1945, a pretext telephone call to subject's residence, 1056 De Carmo, Los Angeles, revealed that he has not yet returned to Los Angeles, is still in New York City, as has been previously reported, and that he may reside there permanently. [redacted]

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[redacted] and that subject himself was residing at 940 St. Nicholas Street, New York City. [redacted] at that time, however, that he expected to return to Los Angeles as soon as his book had been published by HOUGHTON & MIFFLIN COMPANY, New York.

Following is subject's criminal record under FBI #176232 dated December 8, 1944, received from the Bureau:

PD, Columbus, Ohio	Chester Himes #10279	11-28-27	forg.	held GJ \$500. 11-29-27
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PD, Cleveland Ohio	Chester B. Himes #---	10-5-28	inv.	Released 10/6/28
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PD, Cleveland Ohio	Chester Himes #32729	12-1-28	robb.	12-19-28, 20 yrs. 0 Open
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SP, Columbus, Ohio	Chester Himes #59623	12-27-28	robb.	20-25 yrs. 4-1-36 paroled - 2-3-39 final rel. London Farm
PD, Los Angeles Calif.	Chester Himes #45-	12-10-41	registered in accordance with city ordinance (not an arrest)	
Commanding General Services of Supply U. S. Army Wash., D.C.	Chester Bomar Himes #56 RIS #1	applicant for s f hlpr 8-26-42		
SOS, War Dept.	Chester Bomar Himes #42-HUA	storeroom clerk 3-5-43		
Capt. of the Port, Long Beach, Calif.	Chester Bomar Himes #--	sheet metal helper 3-7-44		
*	Admits, Columbus, Ohio, forg., 1927; prob.			
*	Admits, Cleveland, Ohio, susp.; \$25 and costs, 1928			

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK CITY:

*Is requested to discreetly ascertain if subject's book has yet been published by the Houghton & Mifflin Company, and if so, obtain a copy for examination for possible seditious or revolutionary material it might contain. It is noted that the best information at hand indicates that this book is entitled "After the End Comes", concerning the publication of which subject is in New York City at the present time, located at 940 St. Nicholas Street. It is suggested that in the event the book has not yet been published, no contact with the publishing house for a review of its contents should be made in the absence of instructions from the Bureau to do so.

Is requested to determine, if possible, whether subject intends to remain permanently in New York City, as indicated by current investigation at Los Angeles. If it is determined that subject intends to remain in New York, the Bureau will be requested to change the office of origin to that Field Division.

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CHRISTIA BORNOR KIMES

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SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject's criminal record under FBI #176232 set out.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 105-2502
Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 25,
1944, at Los Angeles.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

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TITLE

CHESTER BORMOR HIMES

CHARACTER OF CASE

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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"Saturday Evening Post" advises no material written by CHESTER BORMOR HIMES was published in magazine. Two articles were rejected.

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BY:

REFERENCE:

Bureau file No. 105-2502,
Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated
January 8, 1945, at New York, N.Y.

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DETAILS:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent in Charge JOHN F. SEARS.

[redacted] "Saturday Evening Post" Independence Square, advised that the records of his office failed to reflect any articles published by the "Saturday Evening Post" written by the subject, CHESTER BORMOR HIMES.

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On December 21, 1943, the records reflected that CHESTER HIMES, 1056 North DeGarmo Drive, Los Angeles, California, sent in an article to the magazine entitled "Me! Me At The Energy" and a short item entitled "An' George Brown." [redacted] that the above mentioned writings of HIMES were returned to him as of December 27,

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1943. A rejection slip was signed by [redacted] of the "Saturday Evening Post."

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[redacted] that the "Saturday Evening Post" has not received articles from HOMES since his last story was rejected.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.	2-2-45	1-12-45	[REDACTED]
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
CHESTER BORMAN HIMS		INTERNAL SECURITY - C EDITION	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: "Saturday Evening Post" advises no material written by CHESTER BORMAN HIMS was published in magazine. Two articles were rejected.

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CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, wa. Chester Bormor Himes

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

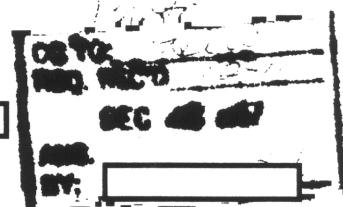
Indices of Cleveland Field Division negative on subject [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SS data set forth. Subject in New York City at present time, writing novel under a Rosenwald Fellowship. Credit negative. Cleveland PD criminal record set forth.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
dated November 25, 1944 at Los Angeles,
California.



DETAILS:

The title of this case is being marked changed to reflect the correct spelling of the subject's middle name, (formerly BORMOR) as reflected upon Selective Service records in Cleveland, Ohio.

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The indices of the Cleveland Field Division were checked in regards to the subject [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] negative results.

[REDACTED] of Local Board #20, 11406 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, advised that the subject was registered with this board and furnished the following information from his Selective Service File:

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CV. F. O.
100-15680

As CHESTER HIMES arrested Cleveland, Ohio, October 5, 1928,
charge investigation, released.

As CHESTER B. HIMES arrested Cleveland, Ohio, December 1, 1928, charge robbery at point of revolver. Stole cash and jewelry valued at five thousand dollars--brought back from Chicago, Illinois. Pled guilty December 19, 1928, sentenced to twenty years Ohio State Penitentiary. Released on parole from Ohio State Penitentiary April 1, 1936.

There is a note in the Cleveland Police Department Files that the subject was turned over to Federal authorities in October 1928. The Federal Agency is not identified, nor is there any reason for the subject's being picked up.

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CV. F. Q.
100-15680

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City, New York

It is noted in referenced report that subject is having a book published by the Houghton and Mifflin Company, and that a copy is to be examined if the book has been released. From investigation in the Cleveland Field Division, subject is under contract to the Doubleday, Doran and Company and is writing a book entitled "As Change Comes On". It is observed that if the book "As Change Comes on" is a separate edition from that in referenced report, it also should be examined for possible seditious or revolutionary material.

W. TRAY

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CHESTER DELL HINAS, nee Chester Corcoran Hinas			INTERNAL SECURITY - C OPTION		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Indicates of Cleveland Field Division never
lived on subject [redacted]
[redacted] as data set forth. Subject
in New York City at present time, writing
novel under a Rosenwald Fellowship. Credit
negative. Cleveland FBI criminal record
set forth.

- HUC -

REFERENCE:

Report of special agent [redacted]
dated November 25, 1944 at Los Angeles,
California.

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is being marked
changed to reflect the correct spelling
of the subject's middle name, (formerly
BONICK) as reflected upon Selective Service
records in Cleveland, Ohio.

The indices of the Cleveland Field Division
were checked in regards to the subject [redacted]
[redacted] with
negative results.

[redacted] of local Board
of Education, 1140 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio,
advised that the subject was registered with
this board and furnished the following
information from his Selective Service

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
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FROM : SAC, Los Angeles
SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, w.a.
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
SEDITION

DATE: February 13, 1945

A review of this file reflects that HIMES is apparently residing in New York where he is engaged in writing a book under a Rosenwald Fellowship. The Los Angeles Field Division has reviewed all the information available to it and recorded same and, accordingly, it is suggested that the New York Field Division be designated office of origin in this case.

cc Chicago
New York
Philadelphia

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SAC, Los Angeles

March 12, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER BONAR HINES, wa Chester Bonar Hines;
INTERNAL SECURITY - Q; SECTION.

Reference is made to your letter dated February 13, 1945, requesting that the Office of Origin in the above-entitled case be changed to New York. Inasmuch b7C as the subject of this case still maintains a residence in Los Angeles [redacted] indicated he would return to Los Angeles upon completion of his book, it is suggested that Los Angeles remain the Office of Origin until such time as it is definitely established that subject intends to remain in New York permanently.

cc - New York
Chicago

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FILE NO. **100-17587**

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TITLE

CHESTER BORMAN HINES

CHARACTER OF CASE

**INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Sedition**

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] Esquire Magazine, Chicago, Illinois, furnished no background information concerning subject. Subject sends material to Esquire in Chicago through Agent. Last known address was 1058 North Degarmo Drive, Los Angeles, California.

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REFERENCES

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 1/8/45
at New York City.

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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO - ILLINOIS

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[REDACTED] Esquire Magazine, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, advised that he did not personally know the subject inasmuch as he has never met HINES.

[REDACTED] first got material from the subject around ten years ago while the subject was a trustee on a prison farm at Columbus, Ohio. He claimed that of recent date the only material obtained from the subject was through subject's Agents, RUSSELL and VOLKENING, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

[REDACTED] the latest address listed in the files of Esquire for the subject was on July 27, 1944. Subject's address at that time was 1058 North Degarmo Drive, Los Angeles, California.

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NY FILE NO. 100-63874 MRS

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CHARACTER OF CASE

CHESTER BOMAR HINES, alias Chester Berner Hines

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject presently residing at 940 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC and probably will remain in NYC, but additional information not available at the present time.

REFERENCE:
DETAILS:

Bureau File 106-2502 - P -

Report of S.A. [Redacted] dated 1/8/45 at Los Angeles.
At New York City:

[Redacted] at 940 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City advised that the subject is, at the present time, residing at this address in apartment 6H. He stated that the subject came there approximately six to eight months ago, and lived with relatives, but that about Christmas of 1944, the subject's wife came to New York from California, and they thereupon took an apartment elsewhere. [Redacted]

[Redacted] however, that about March 4, 1945 they again moved in with relatives at 940 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City. He was unable to state definitely whether the subject intended to remain at that address, making it his permanent address. He stated that when the subject first came to New York his intention was definitely to return to California, but now since his wife has arrived in New York, they are undecided as to what to do and are awaiting developments at the time of the completion of a book which the subject is now engaged in writing. [Redacted] however, that in his opinion, the subject will probably remain in New York City. It should be noted that the subject is presently engaged in writing a book entitled "The Change Comes On" for the Doubleday Doran Publishing Company.

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[Redacted] furnished the following description of the subject:

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Name	CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, alias Chester Bomar Himes
Race	Negro
Age	37-38 years
Height	5' 10"
Weight	150-155 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City:

Will, after the publication of the book "As Change Comes On", now being written by the subject, review this book for possible seditious or revolutionary material.

Will also determine definitely whether the subject intends to remain permanently in New York City.

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CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY-C
SECTION

CHESTER HOWARD HINES, alias Chester Horner Hines

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 105-2502 - P -

DETAILS:

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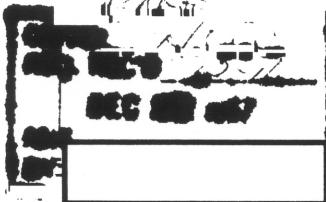
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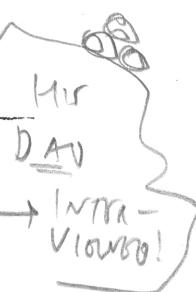
CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Information obtained through subject's father at Los Angeles that subject is still in New York and will remain there indefinitely. Recontact with informants on Communist matters in Los Angeles reveals no record of any Communist activity or affiliation on the part of subject here.



REFERENCE:

Bureau File #105-2502.

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] New
York City, dated 3/21/45.

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DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

By means of a pretext telephone call to the subject's home at 1056 North DeGarmo Drive, Los Angeles, on March 27, it was learned from an individual who identified himself as subject's father that CHESTER HIMES is still in New York and is expected to remain there for an indefinite period of time. On March 28, another pretext telephone call developed information from the father that he did not believe subject would return to Los Angeles at all and certainly not in the near future.

It is noted that this is in line with the information developed by the New York Field Office as set out in referenced report dated 4/2/45 DELETED

412 MAY 10 1960 Recontact with all reliable informants on Communist matters in the Los Angeles area has again been made for the purpose of determining if subject HIMES has ever been active or affiliated in Communist circles

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in this area. Informants had no information to indicate that subject is or has been so engaged.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

*Will, after the publication of the book "As Change Comes On", now being written by the subject, review this book for possible seditious or revolutionary material.

*Will also determine definitely whether the subject intends to remain permanently in New York City.

Will, in the event the New York Office determines that subject intends to remain there, request the Bureau to change the origin in this matter to New York.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
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FILE NO. 100-22661

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 4/2/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/27, 28/45	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]
TITLE CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, w.a.	CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C) SEDITION		

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April 10, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER STODDARD HUNTS, INTERNAL SECURITY - C: SEDITION.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York City on January 8, 1945, in which it is stated that subject Hines has a contract with and is presently writing a book for Doubleday Doran Company.

It is desired that you make a discreet contact with Doubleday Doran Company and when subject's book has been published, a copy should be obtained and reviewed. If the book contains material which is possibly seditious, it should be sent to the Bureau for review.

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It is also desired that the undeveloped lead set forth in the report submitted by Special Agent [redacted] at Los Angeles, California, on January 8, 1945, to ascertain subject's intention to remain in New York City, be covered. An effort should be made to determine the nature of his activities, if any, while in New York City.

cc - Los Angeles

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: May 26, 1945
 FROM : SAC, Los Angeles
 M SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES;
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C
 SEDITION
 (Bureau file #105-2502)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 2, 1945, at Los Angeles, and to the Bureau's letter to New York dated April 10, 1945. It is noted that previous investigation in this matter has indicated that the subject has been in New York City for a considerable period of time and that he is expected to remain there.

UA Addressee *Himes*
 However, on May 26, 1945, it was ascertained through a pretext telephone call to subject's Los Angeles home address that both the subject, CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, and his wife, JEAN, have recently returned to Los Angeles although their stay is expected to be temporary. It was learned that they no longer reside at their previous Los Angeles address, 1056 N. de Soto Drive, but are presently staying at 1717½ West 37th Street, Los Angeles, which is merely a temporary address inasmuch as HIMES is expected to return to New York. b7C

[redacted]
 Additional investigation will be conducted by the Los Angeles office to determine if and when the subject will return to New York and, if possible, the nature of his activities in Los Angeles at this time.

Inasmuch as the best information available to date indicates, however, that subject will return to New York, it is suggested that the New York office conduct logical investigation to complete the leads as suggested in reference letter from the Bureau to New York.

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residing in New York City, and also whether he intended to reside permanently in New York City, and also what his activities have been since his residence in New York City. Confidential Informant [redacted] stated that HIMES moved from 940 St. Nicholas Avenue, some two months ago and left no forwarding address. [redacted] was unable to advise whether HIMES intended to remain in New York City, or what his activities were while here except to say that HIMES was writing some sort of a book.

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The local United States Post Office covering 940 St. Nicholas Avenue, was contacted on June 16, 1945 in an effort to determine if HIMES left a forwarding address, with negative results.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES

Will endeavor to ascertain if and when the subject will return to New York and if possible, the nature of his activities in Los Angeles at the present time.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will, after the publication of the book, "If He Hollers Let Him Go" now being written by the subject, review this book for possible seditious or revolutionary material.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 12, 1945 at New York City, are identified as follows:



[redacted] Doubleday Doran
Publishers, Radio City, New York.

[redacted]
apartment house located at 940 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : Theron L. Caudle, Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: CHESTER BORMOR HINES, w.a.
Internal Security - C
Sedition

DATE: August 13, 1945

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Mr. Henderson

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated at Cleveland, Ohio, February 3, 1945.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

If you have any report written subsequent to the report above-mentioned, would you kindly forward a copy of it to the Criminal Division, so that this matter may be brought to a logical conclusion at the earliest possible date.

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CHESTER BOHAR HINES, wa.

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CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C SECTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Title of HINES' book changed to "If He Hollars Let Him Go". Book expected to be released on 10/5/45. Arrangements made to secure copy. HINES moved from 940 St. Nicholas Ave., NYC, no forwarding address. No information available regarding HINES' intention to reside permanently in NYC or activities while in NYC.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] 3/21/45, New York.
 Report of Special Agent [redacted] 4/2/45, Los Angeles.
 Bureau letter to New York, 4/10/45.
 Letter to Bureau from Los Angeles, 5/26/45.

DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK CITY.

On May 21, and 23, 1945, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the title of CHESTER BOHAR HINES' book has been changed to "If He Hollars Let Him Go."

The book is expected to be released on October 5, 1945, and arrangements were made through Confidential Informant [redacted] to secure a copy of the same.

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On May 23, 1945, June 4, and 16, 1945, Confidential Informant [redacted] was contacted in an effort to determine if HINES was still

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Assistant Attorney General T. L. Caudle

September 5, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, with alias
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SEDITION

Reference is made to your memorandum dated August 13, 1945, requesting that any information obtained in this case subsequent to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Cleveland, Ohio, February 3, 1945, be submitted to you.

For your information there are attached copies of the following investigative reports:

Report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated February 16, 1945, at Chicago, Illinois.

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Report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated April 2, 1945, at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated July 12, 1945, at New York, New York.

Additional information concerning this subject will be forwarded to you as it is received.

Enclosure

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TITLE

CHESTER BOMAR HINES, WA

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject has reportedly continued to reside in NYC during the past several months.

940 St. Nicholas Place, Apartment 6H, NYC.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 105-2502

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
1945, at Los Angeles

dated April 2, [REDACTED]

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Letter to Bureau from Los Angeles dated May 26, 1945

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated July
12, 1945, at New York City.

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DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Through [REDACTED] it was ascertained that the subject, CHESTER BOMAR HINES, has been in New York City continuously for the past several months.

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Apartment 6H, 940 St. Nicholas Place, New York City,
New York.

The above information was obtained from [redacted] under
date of September 5, 1945.

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It will be noted that a discreet inquiry in the vicinity
of 1717½ West 37th Street, Los Angeles, California, failed to reflect the
fact that the subject was known in that community or had ever resided at
that address, [redacted]

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[redacted] It will further be noted
that contact with reliable sources of information in the Los Angeles Field
Division who were generally familiar with the activities of the Communist
Party in this area has failed to reflect that the subject has ever been
active in Communist affairs in this area.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

* Will, after the publication of the book, "If He Hollers Let Him Go", now being written by the subject, review this book for possible seditious or revolutionary material.

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[redacted] Pretext telephone call to [redacted]

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Angeles, California, telephone
Michigan 3626, Extension 1.

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CHESTER BOMAR HINES, WA

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SECTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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NYC during the past several months.

940 St. Nicholas Place, Apartment 6M, NYC.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 105-2502

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 2,
1945, at Los Angeles

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: September 19, 1945

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FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, wa
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated September 14, 1945, at Los Angeles, California, five copies of which have
been designated for the Bureau and are enclosed herewith.

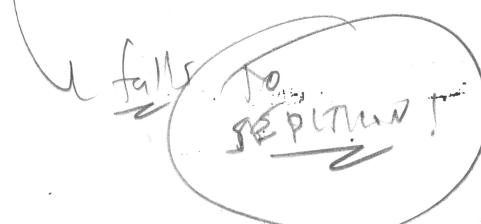
Inasmuch as the subject is presently residing in New York City, the
Bureau is requested to designate New York City as the office of origin. The
Bureau's attention is also directed to the fact that it does not appear that
the subject has been connected with the Communist Political Association or the
Communist Party in any manner in the Los Angeles Field Division. It is there-
fore suggested that this case is not properly a Security Matter - C case, and
that the character of the case should be SEDITION.

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cc - New York City
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Assistant Attorney General T. L. Caudle
Criminal Division

December 3, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER BONAR KIMES, with alias
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SEDITION

Reference is made to our previous correspondence regarding the above-captioned matter, your file reference TLC:DA:MLH 146-28-1519. There is transmitted for your further information a copy of the investigative report submitted by Special Agent [redacted] dated September 14, 1945, at Los Angeles, California.

I shall appreciate your reviewing this report in conjunction with those previously submitted and advising me whether further investigation is desired, looking toward prosecution for violation of the Sedition Statutes.

Attachment

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John D. Stumpf

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Los Angeles
 SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, wa
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C
 SEDITION
 Bureau File No. 105-2502

DATE: October 31, 1945

Reference is made to a letter from this office to the Bureau dated September 19, 1945, requesting that the office of origin in instant case be designated as New York City inasmuch as the Subject is presently residing there. In this regard the Bureau's attention is also directed to the fact that it does not appear that the Subject has been connected with the CPA or the CP in any manner in the Los Angeles Field Division, pointing out that instant case is not properly an Internal Security - C case and that the character should be Sedition.

Reference is further made to a letter to the Bureau from the New York Field Division dated October 16, 1945, a copy of which was designated for this office advising that the lead set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] dated July 12, 1945, at New York City, would not be covered in view of Bureau Bulletin #55, Series 1945, dated September 12, 1945, directing the closing of sedition investigations administratively.

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Inasmuch as the investigation of this case was initiated on the specific request of the Department, it is believed that in this instance the Bureau should authorize closing the case.

The Bureau is requested to advise whether or not under the circumstances, this case may properly be closed under Bureau Bulletin #55, Series 1945.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, New York
SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HINES, wa.;
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C
 SEDITION
 Bureau file 105-2502

DATE: October 16, 1945

Reference is made to the lead set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 12, 1945 to review subject's book "IF HE HOLLERS LET HIM GO".

A review of the file reflects that investigation to date fails to indicate subject has been connected with the Communist Party.

Reference is also made to Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated September 19, 1945 stating there was no indication of subject's connection with the Communist Party in the Los Angeles Field Division and suggesting the character of the case should be Sedition. b7C

In view of Bureau Bulletin No. 55, series of 1945, dated September 12, 1945, directing the closing of sedition investigations administratively, the lead set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] will not be covered and this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin. *Attn.*

cc - Los Angeles

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 5, 1945

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FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, with alias
INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SEDITION
Bureau File No. 105-2502

Reference is made to a letter to the Bureau from the Los Angeles Field Division dated October 31, 1945, pointing out that inasmuch as the investigation of this case was initiated at the specific request of the Department, it was believed that in this instance the Bureau should authorize closing the case.

The Bureau is again requested to advise whether or not, under the circumstances, this case may properly be closed under Bureau Bulletin No. 55, Series 1945.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
FROM : Theron L. Caudle, Assistant Attorney General,
SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, wa
TLC INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SEDITION

DATE: December 17, 1945

TLC:DBA:GMK

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Reference is made to your memorandum of December 3, 1945, in the above matter.

Upon review of the reports in this case, it is the opinion of the Criminal Division that no further investigation is necessary at the present time.

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SAC, Los Angeles

January 1, 1946

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER ROMAN HILLS, wa

INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SUBDIVISION

105-2502-25

Reference is made to your letters dated October 31 and December 5, 1945, regarding the above captioned case. For your information, the Criminal Division of the Department, after reviewing the various reports submitted in this case, has now advised that it is the opinion of the Criminal Division that no further investigation is necessary at the present time.

This case, therefore, may be properly placed in a closed status.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-2502)

W^{b6} FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (10-22661)SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES
SM - C

DATE: 9/2/64

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Re Washington Field Office letter to New York,
6/23/64 and New York letter to Los Angeles, 7/23/64.

Washington Field Office by referenced letter, reported the results of a file review of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., which disclosed CHESTER BOMAR HIMES on March 15, 1961 at Nice, France, was issued a Passport No. Z015104, which was to expire March 15, 1964. The application, dated March 14, 1961, reflected HIMES was born July 29, 1909 at Jefferson City, Missouri, and his current residence was listed as Le Cormoran St. Laurent du Var. A.M. France, whereas his permanent address was given as 65 University Place, New York City.

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On March 20, 1964, HIMES filed a renewal application for Passport Z015104 at Paris, France. The passport was renewed March 20, 1964 and is valid until March 14, 1966. His address was listed as 3 Rue Bourbon le Chateau, Paris, France and his U. S. residence was given as 23 East Tenth Street, New York City. Additional information was set forth in the Washington Field Office letter and, although pertinent, is not being set forth herein.

A review of the file reflects HIMES, in 1945, was a resident at 1717½ West 37th Street, Los Angeles, which was reportedly a temporary address since investigation disclosed he had returned to New York.

On September 5, 1945, information was developed by Los Angeles which reflected [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Apartment 6H,
940 St. Nicholas Place, New York City.

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Files of the Los Angeles Office reflect no additional information concerning HIMES's residence since 1945.

New York is requested to determine whether or not 23 East Tenth Street, New York City, is the permanent residence of HIMES and advise Los Angeles in order that an FD 128 can be submitted.

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FOI/PA # 256, 277
 APPEAL #
 CIVIL ACT. #
 E.O. # 12,356
 DATE 7/15/62 INITIALS AMS

SUMMARY

Legal Attaché, Paris DECLASSIFIED BY 7/15/62 ROP/MLP August 8, 1962

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Director, FBI (25-330971)

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Mr. Bland

NATION OF ISLAM

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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The Nation of Islam (NOI) publishes a newspaper, "Muhammad Speaks," at Chicago, Illinois, on a semimonthly basis. This newspaper carries the fanatical views and hate propaganda of this antiwhite organization (see SAC Letter No. 62-38 (A), dated 7-11-62 for an appropriate characterisation). In the issue of "Muhammad Speaks" dated 7-31-62, on page 22, appears a photograph of three individuals identified as Pierre Gaisseau, French film producer-director; Chester Himes, noted author; and Muslim Minister Malcolm. The lead line indicates "FRENCH FILM PRODUCER sees results of Police brutality." The article following indicates Gaisseau arrived in New York from Paris to seek material for his first feature-length movie about Harlem and a two-hour documentary on the American Muslims to be shown to French television audiences. The movie is to be based on a story written by Himes. According to the article, Malcolm is showing pictures of a Muslim killed in Los Angeles on April 27 (1962) by police to a "greatly perturbed Pierre Gaisseau" and that Gaisseau evinced interest in the Los Angeles police brutality story where "seven unarmed Muslims were gunned down" (see SAC Letter 62-30 (A), dated 5-25-62 for details concerning this incident). (2)

Muslim Minister Malcolm is Malcolm X Little, minister of Temple No. 7 of the NOI, New York City, and sometimes referred to as the logical successor to Elijah Muhammad, national leader of the NOI. He is a key figure of the New York Office, Bureau file 100-399321. Chester Himes may be identical to Chester Bonar Himes, Bureau file 105-2502, who was the subject of investigation in 1944 and 1945 at the request of the Department as a result (2)

2 - New York (105-7809)
 1 - Chicago (100-35635)

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)
 1 - 105-2502 (Chester Himes)
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Letter to Paris
Re: NATION OF ISLAM
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of an article he wrote which appeared in the May, 1944, issue of "The Crisis," then described as the official organ of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The article, entitled "Negro Martyrs are Needed," advocated revolutionary action on the part of Negroes to bring about the overthrow of our present form of government and the creation of a communist state. Himes was described as a Negro, born in Jefferson City, Missouri, 7-29-09, FBI No. 176232, and a resident of Los Angeles and New York at that time. Investigation did not disclose Communist activity or affiliation on the part of Himes at that time and the Department advised in 1945 no further investigation was necessary. Other pertinent references in Bureau files concerning Himes include Legal Attaché, Paris, letter captioned [redacted]

[redacted] dated 2-11-60 (Legat, Paris file

100-385) which refers to Chester Bomar Himes, born 2-29-09, at Jefferson City, Missouri. A report entitled "Possible Subversives Among US Personnel in France," dated 1-6-60, prepared by the 766th CIC Detachment, refers to Chester Bomar Himes, born 2-29-09, in Jefferson City, Missouri, as a US citizen and writer residing at 6, rue Git le Cœur, Paris 6 (Seine), France. He entered France on 12-22-55. (140-21060-19 s-OK(u) p. 23)

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[redacted]
data available to you through discreet contact with your established sources concerning Chester Himes and any data contained in your files concerning him which is pertinent to this investigation should also be furnished to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination. You may desire to furnish to your contacts the information appearing in "Muhammad Speaks" as a matter of interest to appropriate French authorities in the event this information is not already available to them. X(4)

New York should contact appropriate sources to attempt to develop any information available concerning the preparation and filming of this documentary on the American Muslims and promptly furnish the Bureau and Chicago full details in form suitable for dissemination.

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Letter to Paris
Re: NATION OF ISLAM
25-330971

NOTE ON FILM:

This is the first information we have received indicating a film is to be made on "American Muslims." It is noted the film is presumably going to be shown to French television audiences; however, it is possible such a film could be shown in the United States. It is believed desirable to furnish this information to appropriate French authorities inasmuch as it may emphasize police brutality in the United States. It is also desirable to have details for our information. X(u)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 105-2502)

DATE: 10/14/64

FROM : SAC LOS ANGELES (100-22661)

SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, aka
Chester Bomor Himes
SM - CALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 7/16/93 BY g145 g10ms

New York The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The **New York** Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence address

23 East 10th Street, New York City, New York.

Business address

Check the following applicable statements:

- This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)
- This subject is tabbed for Detcom.
- This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division and a copy has been designated therefor.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:

- Security Index Cards
- Serials (specify) (see page 2)
- Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below).
 - Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph.
 - None available.
 - Previously furnished.

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cc:
 2 - Bureau
 2 - New York (100-63874)
 1 - WFO (100-43447) (Info)
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- 1) Report of SA [redacted] 2/2/45
at Philadelphia;
- 2) Chicago letter to Bureau, 2/16/45;
- 3) Report of SA [redacted] 2/16/45
at Chicago;
- 4) Xerox copy of Los Angeles letter to Bureau,
10/31/45;
- 5) Xerox copy of Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 12/5/45;
- 6) Bureau letter to Los Angeles, 1/4/46;
- 7) Xerox copy of clipping from "Los Angeles Tribune",
1/7/46.

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Los Angeles Office has no additional information to report.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-2502)

DATE: NOV 18 1964

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63874) (c)

SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES aka
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(OO: NY)

Mar. 1/64

Re LA FD-128, dated 10/14/64.

On 11/9/64, [redacted] → Hotel Albert, 23 East 10th St., NY, NY, advised SA [redacted] that the subject had resided at that hotel for approximately two weeks in March, 1964. [redacted] stated that the subject had left the hotel around the first of April, 1964, leaving a forwarding address of #3, Rue Bourbon le Chateau, Paris, France.

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A review of the NYO indices as well as the subject's case file has reflected no information indicating that the subject has ever been a member of the CP or related organizations.

In view of the fact that the subject has returned to France and has no CP connections, no LHM is being submitted, and this case is being placed in a closed status.

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1-New York

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